

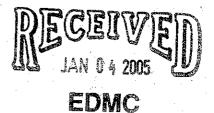
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Dear Mr. Conklin:

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL 04-AIR-1209 FOR THE DEACTIVATION OF THE PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) received the Washington State Department of Health's 04-AIR-1209 Notice of Construction (NOC) Approval for the Deactivation of the Plutonium Finishing Plant on December 28, 2004. The NOC is accepted by RL. With this understanding, it is RL's plan that work may begin under this NOC at any time.

RL does recognize the ambiguity of the disputed terms "facility" and "license" cited in the subject Conditions and Limitations. The utilization and definitions of these terms is also currently being discussed and negotiated pursuant to paragraph 2.3 of the settlement agreement between the organizations dated September 14, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager of the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971, or Joel Hebdon, Director, Office of Environmental Services, on (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,

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